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INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 39

The battle of the press release continues as Conrad von Metzke replies to Rod Walker's article in Hoosier Archives #69 which was in turn a reply to Conrad's article in Hoosier Archives #57. Where will this battle of the press release titans all end?

FOREVER ISN'T THE ONLY WAY

Or, If the Comma on Your Typewriter Is Broken,
Consider the Possibility of Writing Good Press Release
by Conrad von Metzke

Hoosier Archives has now published two incredibly long sentences, and the temptation to reply to Rod with yet a third is tremendous. But about this time I suspect the readership is longing for less, or at least for less run-on punctuation. I therefore wish to restate my case in more rational terminology, feeling that by so doing I might create a more useful item in the ever-bloating archives.

Essentially, I hold to the tenet that a Diplomacy game sonra presse is like Earth without flora. It just don't make it! But worse than that is a game with only dull press. Thus, it is better to be silent than to be insipid, sayeth the sage. And it is better to be anything except insipid than to be silent.

Press is essential because people are essential in a postal Diplomacy game, and press is a major perspective on the personalities with whom we interact. Short biographies in the magazine are fine, and laconic tactical letters designed to accomplish the game's strategic aims are useful, but if this were the limit of available contact between seven human beings, we would be better off playing solitaire and saving all that postage.

I strongly suspect that Allan Calhamer invented a game for multiple players at least partially because of the human factor. His aim was, in my opinion, to provide a raison d'être for a seven-man social hour, with the tactics of the game thrown in as a means of cohesion and continuity. (Or, in other words, Allan was sponsoring parties at which the conversation could never lag, because there was that odd-looking board and all those crazy coloured blocks to keep it going.) I admit to oversimplification, but whichever sold you care to cast it in, the core of the matter remains constant. Allan gave people of certain inclinations an impetus to get together and interact.

When Diplomacy moved into the post office, the direct contact was broken. Letters could still be written, of course, but we live in an age when belles-lettres is a decadent art. Furthermore, written communication is a miserable substitute for in-person contact, and if one is relegated to the read word for unveiling himself, one ought avail himself of as many varied types of veils to pull off as possible. The Manfreds of postal Diplomacy, who keep themselves personally hidden and reveal only their technical and tactical works, are machines. The Salomes who reveal themselves as often and as multifariously as possible are the human beings.

Press is thus one means of personality revelation and understanding. Press is a place to show one's sense of humour. It is a forum for displaying one's intellectuality. It is an arena into which all manner of ideas, inspirations, ideologies and idiocies can be thrown.

And if interaction takes place it will do so in myriad ways per game. If Player X writes a press release and the other six respond to it, they will respond in six diverse counters. And each of those will, theoretically, bring six more rejoinders, and so forth. Conversely, if there is no interaction from any given player, he will remain a mere name on a roster. And statistics are not warm-blooded.

So, Press is good; silence is sinful. Why, then, is boring press worse than silence? Isn't boring press also a way to configure a personality, even if only in a single repetitive dimension? Yes, but what is the difference between non-dimensional absence of press and cold, inhuman, unidimensional printed tripe? None. If you write sterile press and retain your hermit-like existence in the game, you are no better off than if you had been silent, and neither are your fellow players. And poor press has the additional demerit of taking up space which could be used, either by you if you worked harder at it or by others, to say something.

Which brings us round to the biggest question of all: How does one actually use this mélange of press possibilities to communicate the self? Well! I'm very glad you asked that, Conrad. Because it just so happens that a series of articles, published in no particular order but generally attempting to explore the whole field of press releases in the greatest depth imaginable, is currently under way in the present author's Diplomacy publication, SAGUENAY. Subscriptions are advised to those interested in this subject, at \$1 for ten. And as the series expands, Hoosier Archives may just possibly find itself the forum for yet other delvings in this vein.

(And for those who wish to sit in a coign of vantage suitable for surveillance of the whole press milieu in all Dippy-dom, Red Walker publishes an index to Diplomacy literature which will give you a full bibliography.)

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY CENSUS

When the "Diplomacy Census" in Hoosier Archives #60 was published, our friends north of the border were miffed when it was discovered that almost half of them had been inadvertently omitted. Therefore, we dutifully published a "Diplomacy Census Addendum" in issue #67 that included them. However, after that, Don Turnbull, England's leading Diplomacy light, humorously pointed out in a letter published in issue #69 that this arrogant colonial had left out most of our overseas brethren, too. Well, we have dutifully collected more data and we now think we can do them justice.

It should be pointed out, however, that our sources are over a month old in many cases, so it is very possible that there are now over 100 active postal Diplomacy players overseas instead of the 93 listed. Each player's name is followed by the first letter of the zine(s) he plays in. They are as follows: Australia (Cardilla), Belgium (Moeshoeshoe), Great Britain (Albion--through its gamesine Courier--), RDC Journal, Ethil The Frog, XL, and War Bulletin), and South Africa (Foreign Office Report).

As you can see from the figures below, even though the players from Great Britain include a Swede and an Israeli since they play in a British zine, Britain now has apparently surpassed Canada as the 2nd largest Diplomacy country. The last figure for Canada reported 49. This figure may be out of date, however, as I know the US figure is since the US undoubtedly now has over 400 active postal players. Anyway, the grand worldwide total is now well over 500 as you can see. International Diplomacy Association, take this awful burden from me!! I can't keep up any more.

Also, in honor of the occasion of this census, Hoosier Archives announces an overseas subscription rate of 16 issues/9 International Reply Coupons (or 1 issue/IRC). Might as well infest the whole world, eh?! ((Saints preserve us!! CA--))

Oh, almost forgot! For any of you ever there that are interested in joining the International Diplomacy Association, please contact Michel Feron, Grand-Place 7, B-4280 Hamut, Belgium. Although it is not completely official yet, he will probably be the Overseas Regional Secretary.

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DIPCON SPECIAL

Note: You have probably noticed that this issue of Hoosier Archives has come uncommonly early on the heels of the last issue. That is because we want to get out the attached DIPCON flyer which we just received. Also, this "DIPCON Special" will take the place of the issue which would normally come out the weekend of the DIPCON, 22-23 July 1972. We will be there, along with such notables as Allan Calhauer, the inventor of Diplomacy, John Moot, the President of GRI, Red Walker, Larry Peery, Doug Beyerlein, Jeff Key, Edi Birsan, Burt Laballe and practically everyone from the Midwest. We hope to see you in attendance, too!

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Additional notes:

On Friday evening, July 21, an informal gathering of Diplomacy and Wargaming fans will be held in the Jade Room. Late dinner registrations, and only a few of them, will be available as well as final registrations in the 49 player tournament, if any positions are still available.

(Diplomacy players should bring a game along if they can!)

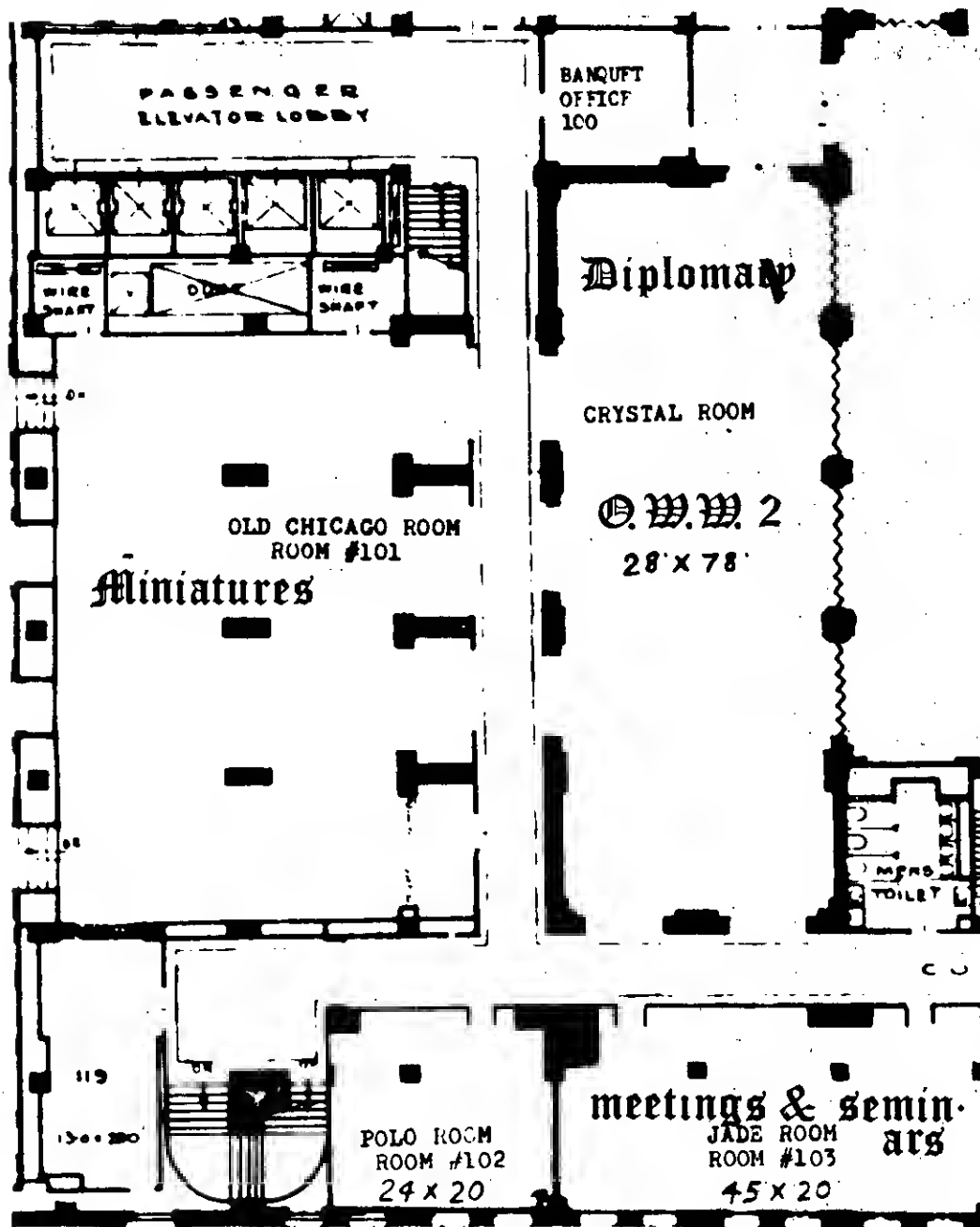
8:00 AM Saturday--advance opening to FANS ONLY of the game rooms.

Miniature games registrations and set ups will begin at this time.

5:30 PM Saturday--Novice Diplomacy Player's teach in--a commentary on one of the day's games by a panel of experts.

7:30 PM Saturday--THE Diplomacy Association meeting.

8:30 PM Saturday--International Diplomacy Association meeting



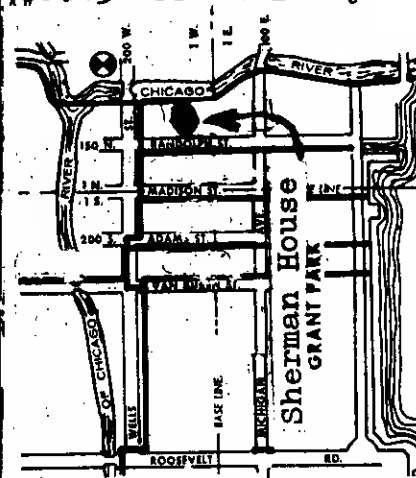
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